

**Minutes of a Town Council meeting held June 23rd, AD 2011 at 7:03 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III; Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Tom Dunn, Business Manager; Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor arrived at 7:13 PM.**

**Salute to the Flag.**

**The Town Clerk administered the oath of office to Jr. Patrolman Andrew Morgan the Town's newest member of the Police Department.**

**Ptlm. Morgan graduated as class valedictorian of his graduating class at the RI Municipal Police Academy and was congratulated by all in attendance.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To approve, as written the June 9, 2011 Town Council meeting minutes for both the 5 PM and 7PM sessions.**

**Announcements:**

**1) The Town will be conducting a Medical Emergency Distribution drill on Wednesday, June 29th at the Wilbur-McMahon School beginning at 9:30 AM.**

**2) A portion of the roadway in Wilbour Woods has been re-graded. Work will continue as weather permits.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Fire Department Head for May 2011.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To re-appoint Sidney Clifford, Jr. as the Probate Judge for the ensuing two years.**

**Richard S. Humphrey arrived at 7:13 PM.**

**Discussion ensued regarding a proposal to set a date to conduct a public hearing to continue discussion on the conservation development ordinance. Councilor Mushen noted that a set of bills have been introduced into the General Assembly that, if adopted, would mandate cities and towns to allow conservation or cluster zoning. During this discussion it was noted that the Council voted on June 9th to allow the Council President to inform our legislators that we are very concerned over these proposals and desire a study to be conducted on its potential effect on cities and towns before it is adopted into law.**

**Malcolm McGeoch made the following two comments:**

- 1) The vote taken to place this subject on the agenda was to consider setting a date, not to definitively set a public hearing date.**
- 2) He feels the Council should send their comments to the State Representatives expressing their concerns clearly.**

**Councilors expressed concern that a public hearing should be held after the General Assembly handles this matter the following was voted:**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To reconsider at the July 7, 2011 Council meeting scheduling a public hearing to discuss the conservation development ordinance proposal due to the General Assembly considering bills that may mandate some level of conservation or cluster zoning.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on the July 7, 2011 Council agenda any bill proposed before the General Assembly regarding conservation or cluster zoning amendments.**

**Old Business #2. Update from Councilor Bodington regarding the**

**study of trash on Town property will be placed on the July 7, 2011 agenda.**

**Councilor Mushen noted that the General Assembly has directed RI Department of Education to refrain from granting funding for new school building proposals. RIDE will be allowed to grant limited funding regarding safety or health building issues. As a result of this development the School Building Committee will review the building construction plans to determine which items meet these criteria. The Council President asked the Solicitor to investigate bonding responsibilities if some limited funding should become available. Once the School Building Committee determines the scope of items that may potentially qualify they will need to be re-submitted to RIDE. No votes were taken this item was for informational purposes only.**

**The crawl spaces' connecting the Town Hall and Treasurer's Office, as well as below the Treasurer's Office have been insulated. Payment for these bills will be reimbursed through an energy grant awarded to the Town for energy saving measures to be completed within the Town Hall. The next project to be undertaken will be the insulation of the attic space above the Council Chambers and above the kitchen area.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To allow the Business Manager**

to proceed with insulating the attic space above the Council Chambers and above the kitchen area located on the West side of the Town Hall.

Earl and Susan Samson, owners of Sakonnet Vineyards have requested the town to consider amending the town zoning ordinance to include a definition of “winery” and/or “vineyard”. Due to the lack of a definition financial institutions are reluctant to grant loans. During discussion of this subject with Raymond Holland, Esq., who represents the Samson’s, it was noted that a generic definition could have a harmful effect on the zoning ordinance if interpreted incorrectly. Consider setting a mandatory amount of acreage to attempt to eliminate someone planting a grape “vine” and declaring a vineyard. The Vineyard presently farms between 36 – 40 acres of grapes to make ends meet, but own approx. 96 acres.

Richard Humphrey suggested a zoning recognition letter be drafted to be signed by the Council, the Solicitor and the Zoning Official. He believes this will be simpler and may satisfy the financial institutions. Attorney Holland was asked to confer with the financial institutions and his clients then to return with a proposal.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To set the following salaries and benefits for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012:

## **SALARIES AND BENEFITS**

**JULY 1, 2011 – JUNE 30, 2012**

### **1. Police Chief**

**As per contract**

### **2. Part Time Policemen: to be \$2 less than Senior Patrolman rate**

**Uniform Allowance - \$150.00**

**Special Details – to be equivalent to Senior Patrolman rate when working for the Town of Little Compton and to be equivalent to Private Detail rate when working on a private entity as set forth in the agreement between the Town of Little Compton and the IBPO Local 644**

### **3. Fire Chief**

**As per contract**

### **4. Substitute Firemen: (part time firefighters):**

**Hourly Rate - TBD**

**5. Harbor Master - \$5,860 per year; with reimbursement of \$40 per month for cell phone use as Harbor Master until his personal contract expires and he joins the town's cell phone plan; no other benefits**

**Assistant Harbor Master - \$600.00 yearly**

## **6. Building Official**

**As per contract**

**Under jurisdiction of the Building Officials Office**

**Electrical Inspectors - \$30.00 per visit**

**Plumbing/Mechanical Inspectors - \$30.00 per visit**

## **7. Business Manager**

**As per contract**

**8. Leonard Corrao (Disabled Firefighter) – Town payment  
\$1576.21/month**

## **9. Tree Warden and Equipment (Contract Work)**

**Labor - \$40.00/hr.**

**Pickup Truck - \$15.00/hr.**

**Large Truck - \$20.00/hr.**

**Tractor and Loader - \$25.00/hr.**

**Bucket Truck - \$45.00/hr.**

**Chipper - \$40.00/hr.**

**(Vote of Town Council on 11/25/1985 – Outside contractors shall pay the tree warden \$15.00/day and notify him not less than 72 hrs. (when possible) prior to entering Town; also to notify him immediately upon completion of work).**

## **10. Highway Personnel and Equipment (Contract Work):**

**Labor - \$30.00/hr.**

**Pickup Truck - \$15.00/hr.**

**Tractor w/ Rotary Mower and Operator - \$45.00/hr.**

**Tractor w/Side Mower & Operator - \$63.00/hr.**

**Backhoe w/operator - \$75.00/hr.**

**Tracked Backhoe (excavator) and operator - \$90.00/hr.**

**Five to Seven (5-7) Yard Dump Truck - \$35.00/hr.**

**Grader w/operator - \$75.00/hr.**

**One Ton Dump Truck - \$20.00/hr.**

**Snow Removal (All w/operator):**

**Four Wheel Drive (4WD) Pickup w/8 ft. Power Angle Plow - \$59.00/hr.**

**One (1) Ton (or Greater) Truck w/9 ft. Power Angle Plow - \$65.00/hr.**

**One (1) Loader w/operator - \$75.00/hr.**

**Six (6) Wheel Dump Truck w/10 ft. Plow - \$69.00/hr.**

**Sanding Town Roads - \$335/sand or \$320/sand w/Town sander**

**11. All Salaries and Benefits as set forth in the signed contracts between the I.B.P.O., I.A.F.F., and the Little Compton Municipal Employees Association and the Town of Little Compton**

**12. Also, authorize Treasurer to pay:**

**1. Salaries of elected officials as voted at the 2011 Annual Financial Town Meeting.**

**2. All bills presented by the L.C. Free Public Library and the Beach**



**Commission.**

**3. Salary of Probate Judge as voted at the 2011 Annual Financial Town Meeting.**

**4. Longevity payments**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Town Council President and Town Treasurer to transfer funds from the contingency fund to cover overages which have occurred within departments for year end balancing of the budget.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Treasurer to transfer fund appropriations voted on at the May 2010 Financial Town Meeting into their appropriate designated fund accounts and to supply a summation report on July 7, 2011.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant a license to Little Compton Rubbish Removal to collect and haul refuse to the Town Transfer Station in a vehicle with a registration of RI 136089.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from**

**Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant a Private Detective License to Terry D Quick contingent upon meeting state and local requirements.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant a Private Detective License to David Toracinta contingent upon meeting state and local requirements.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to the Round Meadows Tenants Association use of Veteran's Field on September 3, 2011 from 9 am to noon contingent upon no schedule conflicts with the field and the filing of the town's indemnification form.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant a Holiday Sales License to Living Water Inc. d/b/a Living Water Surf Co. located at 71 Simmons Road.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from**

**Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place the consent calendar on file as follows:**

**1. Copy of a letter sent to Christopher Branco acknowledging his leave of absence expired May 28, 2011 which is now considered a formal resignation.**

**2. Copy of a notice of proposed changes to the RI Coastal Resources Management Program Red Book with a hearing on July 26, 2011**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: \$51,791.24**

**Marion Welding Inc. - Transfer Station \$160.00**

**United Site Services Northeast, Inc. - Transfer Station \$115.00**

**A T & T - Transfer Station \$34.81**

**Petro - Town Hall \$1,648.41**

**Petro - Diesel \$603.00**

**Poland Spring - Maintenance \$31.68**

**Poland Spring - Town Hall \$35.67**

**University Products - Town Clerk \$371.73**

**Fred's Tree and Design Inc. - Harbor Management Fund \$1,250.00**

**William Monahan - Assessors \$19.10**

**Kevin's Auto Parts - Maintenance    \$11.55**

**Humphrey's - Town Hall - Maintenance    \$18.76**

**Sani-Kan - Civic Rec. port-a-jons    \$90.95**

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**Nationalgrid - Town Hall    \$418.80**

**Nationalgrid - IOOF    \$51.31**

**Nationalgrid - 32 Commons    \$20.77**

**Nationalgrid - Street Lights    \$17.15**

**Nationalgrid - Peckham Lot    \$35.73**

**Nationalgrid - Town Dock    \$63.73**

**Nationalgrid - Adamsville Street Lights    \$64.68**

**Nationalgrid - Public Safety at Transfer Station    \$394.40**

**Blackboard Connect Inc. - MEDS funds    \$9,998.00**

**Postmaster - Canvassers & Probate    \$260.00**

**Fieldstone Gardens - Tree Committee    \$700.00**

**Madden Electric Co Inc. - Public Safety Complex    \$213.24**

**Fisher Bus Inc. - Senior Busing    \$950.00**

**Power Equipment - Town Hall generator contract    \$430.00**

**Joseph Rego - Highway    \$4,300.00**

**MaryJane Harrington - Treasurer    \$14.28**

**ACS - Town Clerk    \$1,299.00**

**Carol A Wordell - Town Clerk    \$219.32**

**Messenger Security Systems Inc. - Maintenance    \$121.00**

**Messenger Security Systems Inc. - Public Safety Complex    \$120.00**

**Messenger Security Systems Inc. - Maintenance    \$148.96**

**WB Mason - Clerk - Treasurer    \$482.44**

**Friends of LC Nursing Assoc. - appropriation    \$9,000.00**

**Effluent Technologies - Wastewater Treatment Facility    \$487.50**

**Franlart Nurseries Inc. - Highway    \$460.00**

**Cox Communications - 32 Commons    \$27.80**

**Petro - gasoline    \$3,280.42**

**Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer    \$375.84**

**NFPA - Fire Dept.    \$832.50**

**Cox Communications - Fire Dept.    \$21.46**

**Firematic Supply Co. - Fire Dept.    \$98.00**

**Rob's Auto Care, Inc. - Fire Dept.    \$65.50**

**Ergometrics - Fire Dept.    \$480.60**

**Griggs & Browne Co, Inc. - Fire Dept.    \$50.00**

**Shipman's Fire Equipment - Fire Dept.    \$71.70**

**Shipman's Fire Equipment - Fire Dept.    \$845.50**

**Ergometrics - Fire Dept.    \$17.03**

**KTR Maintenance & Supply - Fire Dept.    \$45.32**

**Firematic Supply Co. - Fire Dept.    \$94.83**

**Home Depot Credit Services - Fire Dept.    \$59.34**

**Pioneer Heavy Duty Parts - Fire Dept.    \$132.18**

**Belmont Springs - Fire Dept.    \$27.23**

**Verizon Wireless - Fire Dept.    \$298.95 \$3,140.14**

**MAP Installed Building Products - energy grant    \$2,430.00**

**MAP Installed Building Products - energy grant    \$2,970.00**

**Richard S Humphrey - legal contingency    \$2,088.00**

**East Bay Printing - Drug Forfeiture    \$80.00**

**Pitney Bowes - Drug Forfeiture    \$79.00 \$159.00**

**Sakonnet Veterinary Hospital - Police Dept. \$390.00**

**WB Mason - Police Dept. \$88.37**

**Messenger Security Systems Inc. - Police Dept. \$79.00 \$557.37**

**Modern Printing - Assessor's \$965.80**

**William L Moore - Inspections \$690.00**

**William L Moore - Building Official \$264.00**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 7:58 PM.**

**Carol A Wordell**

**Town Clerk**